

CHAPTER 1  
SECTION 5

## NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE CORPS PHYSICIANS OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

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### I. APPLICABILITY

This policy is mandatory for reimbursement of services provided by network and non-network providers. However, alternative network reimbursement methodologies are permitted when approved by TMA and specifically included in the network provider agreement.

### II. ISSUE

What are the limitations on reimbursement of National Health Service Corps (NHSC) physicians?

### III. POLICY

Physicians of the NHSC may be assigned to areas where there is a shortage of medical providers. These physicians are prohibited from accepting TRICARE payments, but the entities to which they are assigned are eligible for payment. The names of such physicians are available from the Public Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services.

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